

House File 207 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the minimum number of instruction hours for
2 an approved local program for purposes of the statewide
3 preschool program and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256C.3, subsection 3, paragraph f, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 f. A minimum of ~~ten~~ fifteen hours per week of instruction
4 delivered on the skills and knowledge included in the student
5 learning standards developed for the preschool program.

6 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
7 years beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Code chapter 256C, defines preschool program requirements
12 that are used to determine whether or not a local program
13 implemented by a school district approved to participate in
14 the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children
15 qualifies as an approved local program. Current law requires a
16 minimum of 10 hours per week of instruction delivered on the
17 skills and knowledge included in the student learning standards
18 developed for the preschool program. This bill increases the
19 minimum number of hours from 10 to 15.

20 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
21 July 1, 2016.